New Kendriya Vidyalayas in Rajasthan

†156. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal for opening of new Kendriya Vidyalayas in Rajasthan from the State Government; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government propose to open some new Kendriya Vidyalayas in the State during the current financial year; and

(c) if so, the details of places earmarked for this purpose and by when these Vidyalayas are planned to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Yes, Sir. 6 proposals have been received by Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan from the State Government of Rajasthan for opening of new Kendriya Vidyalayas at the following places:-

1.	Khetri Nagar	2.	Hanumangarh	3.	Pali
4.	Dausa	5.	Nagaur	6	Devgarh (Rajasthan)

(b) and (c) One Kendriya Vidyalaya has been sanctioned in Chittorgarh district of Rajasthan during the current financial year. The State Government of Rajasthan has been requested to provide required temporary accommodation and land for construction of permanent building for the school.

Sex education in curriculum

†157. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some States have refused to include sex education in curriculum;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government had any talks with State Governments' various social organisations, Women Commission and religious teachers before including sex education in curriculum; and

(d) whether Government have received any suggestion on inclusion of sex education in curriculum?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) Ministry of Human Resource Development in collaboration with National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO), has launched Adolescence Education Programme which is meant for secondary and higher secondary classes with the objective to empower the adolescent population to make informed choices and develop life skills for addressing psychological, social and health concerns.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi

According to information received by National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), State Government of Gujarat has decided not to implement Adolescence Education Programme, and the State Government of Kerala has decided to review the content of the programme. The State Government of Maharashtra is in the process of reviewing the content of the programme. The State Government of Rajasthan has informed that it has decided not to implement the programme in its present form.

Reasons for refusal are not uniform, but the main cause for opposition has been some of the material for use under the programme.

(c) Before introduction of Adolescence Education Programme, A national seminar involving various stakeholders including experts, educationists, State Government. representatives, teachers, parents and the adolescent was held to elicit opinioin. These were followed by regional seminars.

(d) No, Sir.

Deemed university status to NIIE

158. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:
SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Institute of Industrial Engineering, Mumbai had submitted any proposal for deemed university status to Government in 2006;

(b) whether the same has been approved; and

(c) if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) As per to the University Grants Commission (UGC), the Institute has not yet fulfilled the condition set by UGC for grant of deemed university status.

Accreditation for minority institutions

159. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government have received applications from minority institutions for accreditation with the National Institute of Open Schooling;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) has received 116 applications from minority institutions for accreditation since June, 2006. Out of these, 63 applications have been found eligible of which 20 have already been granted accreditation.